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SUBJECT: COFFEE: STATISTICAL DISCREPANCIES

REF: (1) PUBLICATION "U.S. GENERAL IMPORTS SCHEDULE A COMMODITY
BY COUNTRY FT 135/DECEMBER 1976 (ISSUED APRIL 1977" BUREAU
OF THE CENSUS, USDOC; (2) PANAMA 4590

1. GOP COMPUTER READOUT "EXPORTATION OF MERCHANDISE AND
COUNTRY OF DESTINATION" SHOWS 1976 EXPORTS OF UNROASTED
COFFEE TO U.S. TOTALED 1,467,273 LBS WORTH \$761,086 FOB AND
TOTAL 1976 EXPORTS OF ROASTED COFFEE TO U.S. AT 2500 LBS WORTH
\$2025.

2. REFERENCED USDOC PUBLICATION (1) (PG 2-33) SHOWS 1976
U.S. IMPORTS OF CRUDE COFFEE FROM PANAMA TO BE 11,155,262 LBS
WORTH \$7,037,165 AND 1976 U.S. IMPORTS OF ROASTED COFFEE
FROM PANAMA (PG 2-34) AT 348,684 WORTH \$309,042.

3. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THESE TWO REFERENCE SOURCES ARE
EXTEEME. EMBASSY REALIZES DISCREPANCY MAY RESULT FROM
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CREDITING COFFEE GROWN ELSEWHERE BUT PASSING THROUGH
PANAMA AS HAVING ORIGINATED IN PANAMA. NEVERTHELESS,
IF SUCH IS THE CASE, REFERENCED USDOC PUBLICATION MAKES
FOR POOR SOURCE OF INFO REGARDING COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OF
IMPORTED COMMODITIES.

4. ON THE OTHERHAND, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT PANAMA IS

EXPORTING MORE (THOUGH DOUBTFUL AS MUCH AS REPORTED
IN USDOC PUBLICATION) COFFEE THAN GOP PUBLICLY AND STAT-
ISTICALLY ADMITS, WHICH COULD BE FACTOR IN CURRENT
SHORTAGE OF COFFEE ON LOCAL MARKET REFTEL (2).

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S CONTACTING
FOREIGN TRADE DIVISION OF BUREAU OF CENSUS, USDOC TO
ASK THAT THEY SUPPLY SOURCES FOR DATA ON COFFEE IMPORTS
FROM PANAMA. ALSO ASK FOR FOREIGN TRADE DIVISION'S OPINION
AS TO WHY SO MUCH COFFEE IMPORTS IN 1976 CREDITED TO PANAMA.
UNDOUBTEDLY THEIR OFFICE WOULD LIKE TO CHECK ACCURACY OF
THE STATISTICS THEY PUBLISH.

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